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CLAIMS - 1940s

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Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Miss Eda Lincoln, 79

Special to the BUFFALO EVENING NEWS.

FREDONIA, Feb. 14.—Her death occurring Monday, the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, Miss Eda Lincoln, 79, of Fredonia, a distant relative of the Great Emancipator, will be buried in Bradford, Pa., tomorrow following services in Koch Memorial Chapel there. Miss Lincoln died suddenly in the W. C. A. Home, Temple st. She was a niece, four times removed, of Abraham Lincoln and had spent much time and money assembling records and keepsakes of her family. Born in Almond, Miss Lincoln lived for many years in Bradford.

Dr. Waver

The Lincoln Krummer

H. L. Wayne 2nd.

Dear Dr. Waver:

as a collector of Lincoln data perhaps
you will welcome the following:
We have a Lincoln genealogy in our local library
but our local Lincolns are missing.

I. Dr W. B. Lincoln b Penn Remington Wt Dec 27 1807
d Sonia Mich 1882.

to Sonia with sister colony - the first settlers - 1833
built the first frame house in Sonia Co. Was 1st clerk
of Sonia Twp
m 1837 (first m in Co) Anthy P Arnold (d Oliver
b June 10 1817 d Apr 8 1893 f - Barnes

ch = W Timothy. d y

Horace Quelfy. d y

Julia E b Sep 30 1836 m Kirgil S. Eastman
1854 of Waterville NY

Marietta b Aug 28 1838

m 1861 Dr H B. Barnes

of Sonia.

Gennie b Nov 13 1852

m 1873

Geo. W. (Welles) of Sonia
(Welles)

See History
of Grand River Valley
Michigan P. Co. Vol. 6-301

II Luther Lincoln, b near Greenville Mich Jan 1862.

to Grand Rapids 1832. Built first house in Grandville
in 1833 he raised the first corn in the Grand River Valley
an excellent genius, millwright, trapper.

ma

ch = Regiah d Grand Rapids Mar 18 1901 age 41
~~Jan 20 1890~~

reared by Hattie G. Burton of Grand Rapids

m 1884

Benjamin Linington, d Grand Rapids June 28 1890

ch = Gennie. Grand Rapids bookkeeper d w f. bro.

Ema K. Grand Rapids Teacher

Luther S. 1862 - 1914.

The Quaternarian Bibliographer

Burton Edward 1875

Plant physiologist, Johns Hopkins U.

Luther Lincoln left other descendants about Greenville but
I have nothing on them.

Very truly yours

Mar 29 - 1940

Janthe B. Hubel
Mrs G E Hubel

231 Wealthy St SE
Grand Rapids
Mich

April 3, 1940

Mrs. G. E. Hebel
231 Wealthy St., S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Madam:

We thank you kindly for your
information on the family of Dr. W. B. Lincoln.

We have had many inquiries
indeed about the Michigan Lincolns but have
never been able to trace them back to the
New England family of that name although we
feel quite sure they belong to one of the
New England Lincoln Doctors. If you can find
information about the family, we will be pleased
to advise you.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

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2-11-91

Man, 90, Relative Of Abraham Lincoln, Dies In Wells County

— 1941
(Special to The Journal-Gazette)

BLUFFTON, Feb. 11.—James M. Hogston, 90, reported to have been a distant relative of Abraham Lincoln, died at the Wells County farm last night, following an illness of more than a year. He was a native of Richmond, Va., but had resided in Bluffton many years and was known as a cabinet maker, and also had a local reputation as a violin maker.

A distant relative reported today that his grandmother was a sister of Lincoln's father.

Surviving are a son, Noble, of St. Louis, Mo.; a cousin, Mrs. John Graden of Bluffton; and two sisters, Mrs. Estella Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Clara Allread of Indianapolis. He was a member of the Church of Christ. The body was removed to the funeral home of H. Thoma & Son and funeral services will be held in the Thoma chapel at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, in charge of Rev. Russell Palmer. Burial will be in Prairie Grove cemetery near Fort Wayne.

Lincoln (Ill.) Evening Courier Aug. 12 - 1941.

Ex-Mt. Pulaski Postmaster Dies In Prison Hospital

Warren J. Lincoln, 62, former Mt. Pulaski postmaster and attorney, died at 3 a. m. Monday in the hospital of Joliet penitentiary where he was sentenced in 1925 at the conclusion of a sensational trial at Aurora to life imprisonment for the murder of his brother-in-law, Byron Shoup, which he confessed.

The Lincoln family moved from Mt. Pulaski about 20 years ago to Aurora where they opened a greenhouse and Mr. Lincoln again began the practice of law. The crime was committed January 10, 1923.

Neared Parole Time

Lincoln a distant relative of the Civil War president, would have been eligible for parole in another four years. During his trial, ex-

pert testimony was given to the effect that he could not live more than two more years.

Mr. Lincoln was born December 11, 1878 near Mt. Pulaski. He was married twice. His second marriage was to Miss Lina Shoup who was a clerk in the postoffice at Mt. Pulaski. Their marriage took place in Lincoln.

Surviving are one son, John Lincoln, of Aurora; a brother, Edward Lincoln, Rock Island and a sister, Mrs. Mayde Bozarth, Hollywood California.

Rites Wednesday

The body was brought to the Schahl funeral home in Mt. Pulaski where the funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. J. Wayne Staley officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

Warren Lincoln, Aurora Slayer, Dies in Prison

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 12.—(UP)—Warren Lincoln, convicted of slaying his wife and brother-in-law at Aurora in 1923, died yesterday at the State Penitentiary after an operation. He was 62 and had been in prison 16 years.

Lincoln, a member of a prominent Aurora family and operator of a floral business there, killed his wife, Lena, and her brother, Byron Shop, Jan. 10, 1923, during a family quarrel over finances.

For more than a year after the killings, Lincoln wrote letters to relatives, purporting to have been written by his wife, in which he asked and obtained large sums of money. He was seized in 1924 for obtaining money illicitly and promptly confessed the killings.

He led authorities to an Aurora dump, where the heads of the victims were found encased in concrete blocks. Lincoln said he had burned the bodies after decapitating them. He was sentenced to life imprisonment Feb. 19, 1925.

Chicago Herald Tribune

Aug. 12, 1941

His wife and her brother

Des Moines (Iowa) Herald Logan Slayer *August 12, 1941* Dies in Prison

Mt. Pulaski (Staff)

Warren J. Lincoln, 62, one-time attorney and postmaster in Mt. Pulaski who was serving a life term in the Joliet penitentiary for the murder of his wife and brother-in-law in Aurora 17 years ago, died at 3 a. m. yesterday in a Joliet prison hospital.

Mr. Lincoln was born near Mt. Pulaski on Dec. 11, 1878. He was married twice. His second marriage was to Miss Lina Shoup who was a clerk in the postoffice at Mt. Pulaski where he was postmaster. In 1924 he confessed to police in Aurora that he had murdered his wife and brother-in-law, decapitating their bodies and moulding their heads in concrete blocks. He was given a life sentence.

He leaves one son, John, of Aurora; a brother, Edward of Rock Island; and one sister, Mrs. Maude Bozarth of Hollywood, Calif.

The body was brought to the Schahl funeral home in Mt. Pulaski. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon in the Schahl funeral home. Burial will be in the Mt. Pulaski cemetery.

Bible Talks

EUGENE LINCOLN

POSTAL CK.
FEB 10 1942
MARION, IND.
FEB 10, 1942

Dear Sir,

I heard over your program tonight a man who said he knew President Lincoln's sons. I understood his name to be Isaac Giller.

Would you please forward this to him?

Thanking you.

Eugene Lincoln

Dear Sir,

I heard you over the "We, the People" broadcast and thought you might be able to furnish me with some information about relation that I have been wanting but have been unable to get.

Do you know anything of a John Lincoln of Washington, D.C., who was a second cousin to the president, or of his son, Albert Lincoln (born 1855)?

Albert Lincoln, my father, used to say that he went to school with the President's sons. He said that he was third cousin to the President, but I have been unable to trace his relation to him.

Thanking you for your trouble
I am

Sincerely Yours,
Eugene Lincoln

101½ S. Washington St.
Marion, Indiana

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March 11, 1942

Mr. Eugene Lincoln
101½ S. Washington St.
Marion, Ind.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Your letter to Isaac Diller has been forwarded to the Foundation and we regret to say we cannot seem to find a connection between your Lincoln family and the Lincoln family of Abraham Lincoln. You will please find enclosed, however, a little bulletin which gives some of the close relatives of the Lincolns.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

Thomas Services Today; Was Lincoln's Cousin

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, 88, a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, will be held at 10:30 a. m. today at Moran & Sons funeral home. Burial will be in the West Side cemetery at Mo-weasqua.

Mrs. Thomas, whose mother was a first cousin of the father of Abraham Lincoln, played with Abraham Lincoln when they were children.

She died in the Decatur and Macon County hospital Friday morning.

Decatur (Ill.) Herald

May 18 - 1942

MISS MARY D. LINCOLN
MINNETRISTA BOULEVARD
MUNCIE, INDIANA

June 24, 1942

Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

Will you trace for me or tell me where I can have my genealogy traced.

My father, Issac Lincoln III, was born January 19, 1823, in Brewster, Mass., his father Isaac Lincoln, Jr, was born May 25, 1797. He married April 16, 1822, Desire Foster born May 14, 1800. Both may have been born in Brewster, I do not know when Isaac Lincoln I, was born. I have always understood there were four Isaac Lincolns' including my brother who was born in Cleveland, Ohio August 26, 1855. My Grandfather was a sea captain, lost off the coast of Florida, Sept. 1838. He had four sons, Isaac, Joseph, Freeman & Edgar. Desire Foster was the daughter of Benjamin Foster, born Sept. 23, 1772. My father believed we are descendant of Thomas Lincoln "The Cooper", who settled in Hingham, Mass. 1635-36. Can you help fill the space from Thomas 1635 to Isaac May 25, 1797. My Great Grandfather may not have been Isaac, but I have always understood that was his name.

If you care to make this search for me, what will be your charge for the service.

Respectfully

Mary D. Lincoln

Mary D. Lincoln

Lincoln Family

July 1, 1942

Miss Mary D. Lincoln
Minnetrista Blvd.
Muncie, Ind.

My dear Madam:

I regret sincerely that we cannot assist you in your Lincoln genealogy as your family line does not run back to the same American progenitor from whom the President is descended.

If you will write to the New England Genealogical Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, they may be able to help you.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

Celebrates Today



MRS. JANE LINCOLN

"Aunt Jane" 82; Lincoln Kinship To Mate Traced

Mrs. Jane Lincoln, of 1722 Sixth ave., known to her friends as "Aunt Jane," today observed her 82nd birthday. A native of New York City, her reminiscences today were not of herself but of her husband and the distinguished Lincoln family, of New England, to which research, by an authority on the life of the great emancipator, has traced his kinship.

"My husband was George F. Lincoln, who died in 1918," she said. "His grandfather was Edward Lincoln, of the New England Lincolns, and my husband was proud that he was a relative of Abraham Lincoln."

According to Dr. Louis A. Warren, director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation of Ft. Wayne, Ind., who completed years of research on Lincoln's life, Abraham Lincoln did not know of the relationship up to the time of his death, but he was directly related to the famous Lincoln family of New England. One of his kinsman was a governor of Massachusetts, another governor of Maine, another United States attorney-general in the cabinet of Thomas Jefferson.

A resident of San Diego since 1914, Mrs. Lincoln's diversion is writing verse. Her husband was an executive of a nationally known firm and she traveled with him extensively.

December 1, 1943

Mr. Newton E. Lincoln
2723 S. Rose Street
Kalamazoo, 36, Michigan

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

Enclosed you will please find copies of the little booklet I suggested I would be pleased to send and hope you will be able to find in it some reference to your ancestry.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM
enc.

Director.

Claims Kinship



CHARLES R. MILES
... grew whiskers for role.

San Diego Union
2/12/44

Cousin Looks Like Lincoln

If you see Charles Roscow Miles walking down the street you'll think of Abraham Lincoln.

Miles, a San Diego resident for the last four years, bears a striking resemblance to the Civil war president, whose birthday anniversary is being observed today, and says he is a cousin of Lincoln.

Born near Caldwell, O., Nov. 21, 1871, Miles says he is the grandson of Mary Hanks, sister of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother.

Miles first grew whiskers in 1928, he said, when he was persuaded by a group of Civil war veterans in Long Beach to play the part of Lincoln in a drama.

He is the father of three sons and three daughters. Of the sons, two, Charles Howard and William Edward Miles, are in the navy.

Formerly in the garage business, Miles retired several years ago.

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MAILING ADDRESS
P. O. BOX 354

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AND BOOK MART**

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M. P. LINCOLN
OWNER AND OPERATOR

**537 NINTH ST.
HUNTINGTON, W. VA.**

March 3, 1944

Mr. M.P. Lincoln
Lincoln's Readmore Library and Book Mart
537 Ninth St.
Huntington, W.Va.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

While visiting in Huntington, West Virginia in your library I told you when I returned I would be pleased to send you a little publication which we issue here called Lincoln Lore. I am also sending you some catalogues of Lincoln books which our Lincolniana Publishers, the Sales Department of our Organization, makes available. In the duplicated which come out of our general collection you might find something among them you would wish to acquire for your own personal collection.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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Figures in Washington Slaying



Dr. JOHN E. LIND



Mrs. ROBERT I. MILLER

LIND SLAYING LAID TO LOVE TRIANGLE

Lawyer Declares he Shot Wife's Companion in Self-Defense

Washington, Feb. 22.—Robert I. Miller, 67, dean of Washington Municipal Court attorneys, was held on an open charge today in connection with the fatal shooting of a noted capital psychiatrist while Mrs. Miller, whom police described as one corner of a love triangle, was near collapse.

The dead man was Dr. John E. Lind, 57, a collateral kinsman of Abraham Lincoln, and senior medical officer at Washington's St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Police said Mrs. Miller, who gave her age as 42, had entered Lind's automobile at the corner of 11th and G sts., northwest—the heart of the Capital's shopping center—about 1.20 P. M., yesterday. Almost immediately Miller appeared, reached into the car, struggled with Lind and Lind was shot, once through the temple and again through the chest.

Another Pistol in Car

Detective Sergeant Robert Murray who reported Miller told him he had shot in self-defense, said that in addition to the pistol used in the shooting another was found on the seat of the car beside Lind, wrapped in an envelope. It had been discharged twice, but according to Murray apparently had not been used yesterday.

Traffic policeman Ernest B. Dickerson arrested Miller and detained Mrs. Miller as a material witness. He said Miller, when arrested, had been holding a .38 caliber pistol.

After he was taken into custody, Miller was quoted as saying he had warned Lind repeatedly to stay away from his wife.



A. P. Wirephotos

ROBERT I. MILLER

Friend of Charles P. Curtis

One of the best known attorneys in the capital, Miller was active in politics and was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1912 and 1916. He was a friend of former Vice President Charles P. Curtis, was a race track official and a prominent breeder of horses.

One of Dr. Lind's maternal ancestors was a cousin of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. He was a descendant of Sir James Lind, illustrious medical officer in the British Navy, credited with the discovery of lime juice to counteract scurvy on long sea voyages. Interested in music, Dr. Lind wrote a number of songs for children, collaborating with Reginald DeKoven, composer of the opera Robin Hood.

Dr. Lind's wife, Marie Seewald of Williamsport, Pa. died in 1937. Two sons are in the Army, a daughter lives in Arlington, Va.

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James A. Sigafosse, Insurance and Bonds

P. O. Box 113, Moundsville, West Virginia

July 12, 1944

Mr. Lewis Warren,
% Lincoln Life Insurance Co.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

A friend of mine in Charleston, W.Va. told me recently of you being an authority on the Lincoln family.

I write to enquire what material you may have on the John Lincoln family, who resided in this locality when Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln was born.

Thank you very kindly for reply.

Very truly,

James A. Sigafosse
Chairman,

Upper Ohio Valley Historical
Federation.

August 18, 1944

Mr. James A. Sigafosse
P. O. Box 113
Moundsville, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Sigafosse:

I fear I have got to have a little help from you before I can definitely locate the John Lincoln family who resided in Moundsville, West Virginia as early as 1776 when Thomas Lincoln was born. Thus far I have been able to find only adult John Lincolns which would be available for residence there. Of course, at that time it would be the state of Virginia.

If you could give me the names of any of John's family, his wife or children, then I might be able to help you but there are so many John Lincolns some other one will have to be discovered if we are able to identify them. We will be pleased to let you have such information as is available here if we can locate the family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:CRS
L.A. Warren

Director

JAMES A. SIGAFOOSE

P. O. BOX 113

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA.

August 23, 1944.

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thank you for your reply of August 18, 1944.
The information in hand as to John Lincoln, eldest son of
Robert and Janette, born in Leeds, England, December 4, 1704:

Married Elizabeth Wagner of Frederick, Md. 1729; had 3
sons - John Jr., Abraham and Thomas and daughter Debora; was
soldier in King George's War 1744-1748 and member Virginia
Militia;

John Jr. born Prince William Co., Virginia Sept. 6, 1729;
at 16 became a fur trader with Shawnee Indians on the Ohio
at (now) Moundsville until settlement abandoned June 1748;
wife was Mary Wortham; children were Mordecai, Josiah, Thomas,
Robert and Rebecca. In 1775 summer occupied log house near the
Great Mound father, John Sr., built here 1768, building his own
nearby where the third son, Thomas, was born November 24, 1777
who was the father of the great President Abraham Lincoln. At
age of 19 years, in March 1796, left home in Moundsville for
Kentucky.

This is only a portion of greater amount of detail and I
trust will enable you to indentify family.

Very truly yours,

James A. Sigafosse

Handwritten: Lincoln Family - collection

August 30, 1944

Mr. James A. Sigafoose
Moundsville, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Sigafoose:

I fear that the Lincoln family about which you are inquiring is not related to the president as his father was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in 1776. He came to directly to Kentucky in 1786 where his father was massacred by the Indians. I enclose a bulletin which will give you the story of the president's family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM
enc.

Director

The Supreme Court

WALTER B. BEALS, CHIEF JUSTICE

State of Washington

Olympia

June 8, 1945

Dr. Louis A. Warren
C/o Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren:

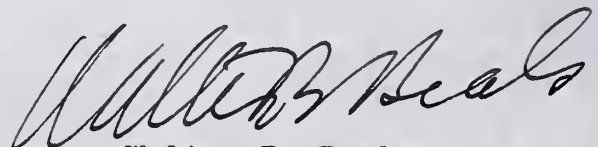
The enclosed from last night's Seattle Times was noted with interest. Too bad the information was not more specific.

A few days since, I bound my extra copies of Nos. 18 and 15 of the "Kinsman," and attached Abraham Lincoln's line of descent from Samuel Lincoln together with my own. It appears that Abraham Lincoln and my Grandfather Samuel J. Beals were fifth cousins.

Quite a long way removed, but a matter of some personal interest.

Best regards.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter B. Beals". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Walter" being the most prominent part.

Walter B. Beals

(Copyright, 1945.)

Obituaries

Lydia Collins, 3rd Cousin Of Lincoln, Dies

Mrs. Lydia Ann Collins, 85 years old, 3515 Woodland Park Ave., a Seattle resident 20 years, who was a third cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died Tuesday in a hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4:30 o'clock Saturday in the Home Undertaking Company chapel, followed by cremation.

Mrs. Collins, born in Burr Oak, Mich., was the widow of Increase Collins. She was related to Lincoln through her mother's family.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Johnson, White Hall, Mich., a brother, W. M. Kanouse, Seattle; two nieces, a nephew and one grandson.

MRS. WILLIAM CANNON

Funeral services

June 13, 1945

Mr. Walter B. Beals
Supreme Court
Olympia, Washington

My dear Judge Beals:

Thanks very much for the clipping and also your statement with reference to your own connection with the Lincoln family. Will be happy to file your letter and also the clipping in our genealogical file which may be of help to future work done on the Lincoln family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

'Godey' Shoaff Lincoln Kin, Dies in Paris

L. A. G. "Godey" Shoaff, 93, who died of a heart attack Friday in his home in Paris, Ill., was the last living son of the late James Shoaff, publisher of Decatur's first newspaper and Decatur's second mayor.

As one of Central Illinois' oldest families, the Shoaff family proudly pointed to their relationship to Abraham Lincoln. "Godey's" mother, Nancy M. Hanks Shoaff, was a cousin of Lincoln's mother, and his grandmother was the daughter of Lincoln's stepmother. The Hanks family claimed that Nancy Hanks Shoaff's father, Dennis F. Hanks, taught Lincoln to read and write.

James Shoaff, "Godey's" father, published Decatur's first newspaper. The Decatur Weekly Gazette, starting June 26, 1851.

In 1861, James Shoaff went to Bement where at the outbreak of the Civil War, he raised a company of volunteers, Company B, 35th Illinois, and was made a second lieutenant in the Union army. After a time he resigned his commission and became aide-de-camp on the staff of Colonel Koller of the 25th Illinois volunteers.

Returning to Decatur at the close of the war, Mr. Shoaff repurchased the Magnet and continued its publication until Jan. 1, 1873, in which year he moved to Paris and founded the Paris Gazette. He died in 1874 at the age of 53 years.

Left Paper to Brothers

After the father died, "Godey" left the paper to his late brothers, J. D. and Fred Shoaff. Another brother, Thomas, now deceased, was connected with the old Shelbyville Leader and the Danville Press.

"Godey" left the publishing business for an old love, the theater. At one time when he was manager of the Paris opera house, it was determined that he was the oldest theatrical manager in Illinois.

In establishing the first opera house in Paris in 1874, he also operated a bill posting business, often doing the work himself. Thirty-five years ago he was president of the Eastern Illinois Baseball league and once was Illinois straight rail billiard champion, with a high run of 1,208.

"Godey" is survived by his widow his third wife. There are numerous nephews and nieces, as well as grand nephews and nieces. Lavone, Clare, Mrs. Doug Shoaff and son Bob attended the funeral of their uncle Monday afternoon at Paris, Ill.

PAPER *Commercial*

TOWN *Danville*, ILL.

DATE *Mar 3*, 1946

Lincoln Kin, Former Press Editor, Dead

Paris—(CNS)—L. A. G. (Godey) Shoaf, 93, former newspaper publisher and billiards champion, died at 10 p. m. Friday at his home here, following a heart attack a week ago. He was related both by blood and marriage to Abraham Lincoln.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Saturday, but the service will not be held before Monday.

Mr. Shoaf was born in Decatur in 1852, member of a family in newspaper business in Decatur, Paris, Danville, and Shelbyville for over 100 years. His father published a Decatur paper, and the son later was co-owner of the old Danville Press and Shelbyville Leader.

He was Illinois billiards champion for two years in middle life, and was president of the Eastern Illinois baseball league more than 30 years ago. In 1873 he established the first and only opera house ever in Paris, one year after locating here.

Mr. Shoaf's mother was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln's mother, and his grandmother was a daughter of Lincoln's step-mother. He was an authoritative speaker on Lincoln's life.

Surviving is his second wife, the former Eva Fox, of Danville. Mr. Shoaf moved to Paris from Decatur in 1873. He has been seriously ill since a week ago, when he suffered a heart attack while making his income tax return.

PAPER *Leader*

TOWN *Shelbyville*, ILL.

DATE *Mar 3*, 1946

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Bought Decatur Magnet

Two years later he re-entered the field of journalism with H. C. Bradsby as partner, purchasing the Decatur Magnet from Postmaster P. B. Sheppard.

During the period in which the Magnet was published, young "Godey" was the one and only carrier. He carried the whole edition of approximately 300 papers. Decatur then had a population of nine or ten thousand and the task was not an impossible one. In the forenoon the publisher's son had the job of running the job press.

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His theatrical experience began in Decatur where he was the first usher in Smith's opera house, now nearly forgotten by Decatur residents. The opera house was opened by George Francis Train, then famous as a lecturer, and the first dramatic company to play in it was the Katie Putnam company. Before securing his job there, however, Mr. Shoaff was interested in theatricals as presented at the old Macon hall, a third story room on Merchant street, and the Powers hall on East Main street, more recently used as an Odd Fellows hall.

Once Billiard Champ

Here Edwin Forrest and Tom Thumb and his company played. A group of young men including "Godey" became filled with theatrical ambitions and used newly purchased clog shoes while they practised clog dancing on the roof of the St. Nicholas hotel.

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No immediate relatives of the Shoaff family survive, but "Godey" is survived by his widow and second wife, the former Mrs. Eva Fox of Danville.

PAPER Herald
TOWN Decatur, ILL.
DATE Mar 3, 1946.

ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
239 FAYETTEVILLE STREET
RALEIGH, N. C.

April 4, 1946

Dr. Louie A. Warren, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Ft. Wayne 1, Ind.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of March 29, in reply to mine of the 21st, in which you give information as to the Lincoln family line, and state that you have not come across the name of "Roborat Lincorn".

The book to which I refer is the Genealogy of the Sharpless family, by Gilbert T. Cope, printed at Philadelphia in 1887, which was the outcome of the reunion of that family on the 200th anniversary of the landing of John Sharpless near the present city of Chester, Pa.

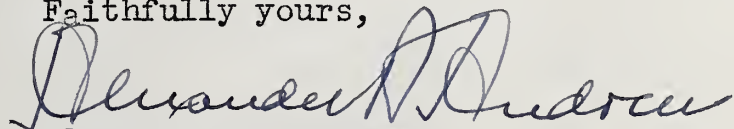
Opposite Page 148, is reproduced the Quaker Marriage Certificate of Daniel Sharples (son of John) of Ridley Township, in Chester County, to Sarah Coppock (daughter of Bartholomew) same ~~same~~ township and county, dated "15th day of second month, 1776", which in the modern calendar would be April 15, 1736.

The name "Roborat Lincorn" is very plainly written, and as very few of the signatures resemble it, I would presume it was personally signed.

If your Public Library does not have this volume, I know the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St, Philadelphia has the same, and doubtless could obtain its use for a limited time on an inter library loan.

I have a copy, and in times past, when these were plentiful, I have given copies to some of the Sharpless descendants.

Faithfully yours,


Alexander B. Andrews

Abe's Cousin Living Here

Abraham Lincoln's birthday has special significance for Jack E. Bell, a Portlander who



Jack E. Bell

is proud of the fact he is a third cousin of the Great Emancipator. Interviewed on Tuesday at his home, 514 N. E. 28th avenue, Bell said his grandfather, John Washington Bell of Madison county, Ia., was Lincoln's first cousin. "I never saw my grandfather, but my grandmother often used to tell us about Lincoln and what a great man he was.

"She was in Washington, D. C., when he was assassinated. I remember two paintings she had hanging on her walls. One showed the scene in Ford's theater when John Wilkes Booth fired the fatal shot, and the other depicted Mrs. Lincoln grieving over the president's deathbed," Bell said.

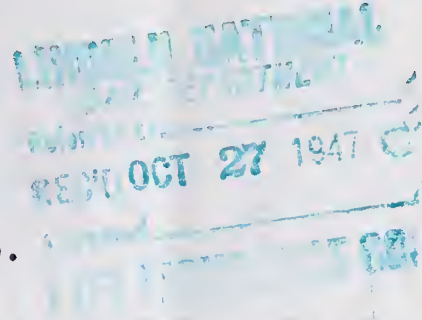
Bell and his sister, Mrs. Jennie Bell Wooley of Eugene, are great-grandchildren of Mary Jane Hanks, sister of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks.

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Warren H. North
Attorney-at-Law
Lockport, Illinois

October 25, 1947



Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

I have in my files an old deed dated October 21, 1836, between one A. L. Lincoln of Tazewell County, Illinois and one Mahlan Ayres.

It had been suggested that I write to you relative to establishing whether or not this document was signed by Abraham Lincoln, and that you would be able to establish the authenticity of it.

If you are able to do this type of identification I would be very glad to send you a photostatic copy of this document.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Warren H. North", is written over the typed name.

Warren H. North
930 State Street
Lockport, Illinois

WHN:ew

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October 29, 1947

Mr. Warren H. North
930 State Street
Lockport, Illinois

My dear Mr. North:

We would be pleased indeed to pass upon the authenticity of your Lincoln document, if you will forward it for inspection, although it is rather difficult for us to harmonize the residence of Mr. Lincoln at Taxewell County, when at this time he was living in Sangamon.

We would be pleased, however, to see the document if you wish to submit it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

Notary Public

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Telephone 181

Warren H. North
Attorney-at-Law
Lockport, Illinois

October 31, 1947

The Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Attn: Dr. Louis A. Warren


Dear Dr. Warren:

Thank you for your letter of October 29th, relative to my inquiry concerning the authenticity of a Lincoln document.

I am enclosing herewith a photostatic copy of the original deed, somewhat reduced in size and without the certificate of acknowledgment which was folded back at the time the deed was photostated. If upon examination of this copy you find that you should like to examine the original to determine its authenticity, kindly let me know.

Thanking you, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Warren H. North
930 State Street
Lockport, Ill.

WHN:ew
Encl:1

THIS INDENTURE, made this *twenty first* day of *October*

in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-

BETWEEN

John Farguell of *Farguell* County *State of Illinois*
of the first part, and *Mathan Ayres* of *Flood* County *State of Illinois*

of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said part *y* of the first part, for and in consideration of *Twenty one Dollar fifty Cents*
in hand paid, by the said part *y* of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, ha *h* granted, bargained, sold, remised,
released, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents *to h* grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm, unto the said part *y* of
the second part, and to *his* heirs and assigns, forever, *ALL* *the one certain Tracts or*

parcels of Land situate lying and being, in the Town
of Hudson Farguell County State of Illinois and
Admired and designated on the Map of said Town
as Lots Number Twelve and Fourteen in Block No
Twenty Four (44) as laid out and Recorded in the
Records office for said County

TOGETHER, with all and singular, the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and the reversion
and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever,
of the said part *y* of the first part, either in Law or Equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances.--
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, as above described, with the appurtenances, unto the said part *y* of the second part and to
his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said *A. Lincoln* for himself *his* heirs, executors and
administrators, do *h* covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said part *y* of the second part, and *his* heirs and assigns, that
at the time of the ensealing and delivering of these presents, *he is* well seized of the premises above conveyed, as of a good, sure, perfect,
absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the Law, in fee simple—and that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable posses-
sion of the said part *y* of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons, lawfully claiming or to claim the
whole or any part thereof, will forever **WARRANT** and **DEFEND**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part *y* of the second part, hereunto set *his* hand and seal the year and day first above written.

SEALED AND DELIVERED,

IN PRESENCE OF

John Danoran

A. Lincoln *Seal*

November 14, 1947

Mr. Warren H. North
930 State Street
Lockport, Illinois

Dear Mr. North:

I have made quite a thorough search through our files and books relating to Lincoln genealogy and I cannot seem to find anywhere the name of A.S. Lincoln, or A.L. Lincoln as it possibly might be one or the other.

I will, however, if you do not object, keep your photostat and as I delve into the Lincoln family history I may run across this elusive character.

We are always pleased to learn of any settlers of the Lincoln family that have not been located in the genealogical lines.

Very truly yours,

PAW:EB

Director

Kin of Nancy Hanks Dies at Shelbyville

Special to The Indianapolis News

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27—

Charles Lincoln Hanks, 82, related to Nancy Hanks, mother of President Abraham Lincoln, died at Major Memorial Hospital here Monday. He was injured in a fall at the Boggstown Elevator January 6, suffering a fractured pelvis.

A native of Ohio, he had lived at Boggstown many years. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Herrington, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. George Hagberg, of Duluth, Minn. Funeral services will be held here Wednesday.

Mrs. Martha Magill Sullivan, widow of M. O. Sullivan, Shelbyville attorney, died in Los Angeles at the home of her sister, Miss Margaret Magill, with whom she was spending the winter, according to word received here Monday. A heart attack caused her death while her son and daughter were en route to visit her. The son is James Sullivan, operator of Suco Air-Park here, and the daughter is Mrs. C. F. Aumann, of Indianapolis. Another sister, Mrs. Ann Sullivan, Los Angeles, also survives. The body will be returned here for funeral services and burial.

Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Maggie May (Blrd) Limpus, 77, a resident of Shelbyville 60 years, who died in a nursing home at Indianapolis.

Lincoln Flower Shoppe

1824 Fifteenth Street ∴ Phone Moline 4098
Moline, Illinois

February 9, 1948

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Warren:

After reading the Sunday, Gebruary 8, 1948, issue of Parade Magazine, I should like to make an inquiry for information concerning genealogists of the Abraham Lincoln ancestry who would be able to trace the lineage down to my family.

I have strong reason to believe that I am connected in some way with the Abraham Lincoln family. If you could supply me with the pertinent information upon whom to contact, it would be greatly appreciated by me.

I sincerely hope I am not creating an imposition upon your valuable time, but any information you could give me would certainly help.

Your coöperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Paul A. Lincoln.

March 8, 1948

Mr. Paul A. Lincoln
Lincoln Flower Shoppe
1324 Fifteenth Street
Moline, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We regret to advise you that Dr. Warren is at present out of the office on a two months speaking itinerary. Upon his return to the office I will bring your letter to his attention.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Moellering
Secretary to Dr. Warren

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March 23, 1948

Mr. Paul A. Lincoln
Lincoln Flower Shoppe
1824 Fifteenth Street
Moline, Illinois

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

I have looked in the Standard Genealogy of the Lincoln Family by Waldo Lincoln and I do not find your name there; that is not strange, possibly, because the book is in no wise complete.

You will please find attached the little bulletin which tells of the beginnings of the Lincolns in America and possibly you may find some clue here that will help you.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

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H. Hansen

Wetumpka, Alabama

Feb. 15, 1948

President
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co
Fort Wayne, Ind.

LINCOLN LIFE
Referred to _____
REC'D FEB 18 1948
Answered _____
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Dear Sir:

You deserve much credit for your fine collection of Abraham Lincoln papers. This is a real public service. I hope to stop by Ft. Wayne sometime to see it.

Abraham Lincoln had a cousin, Phebe Lincoln, who was my great grandmother.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Miller (Ph.D.)

March 24, 1948

Mr. Lincoln Miller
Wetumpka, Alabama

Dear Mr. Miller:

Just back from a very long speaking itinerary on the western coast, I find your letter forwarded to this department by the president of the company. It occurred to me that you might wish to have a little bulletin which we call "The Lincoln Kinsman" which discussed the first five generations of the American Lincolns. I am happy to enclose a copy in this letter. We trust you may have a chance to visit us here at Fort Wayne some time.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CM
L.A. Warren
Enc.



CHARLES R. MATHEWS
THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
2107 BRYANT BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

February 17, 1948

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, 1, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

As I told you after your talk to our Co-Operative Club, I enjoyed you very, very much. You gave us some new and extremely interesting facts concerning the life of the Immortal Abe.

I wish to take advantage of your kind offer to check into the Lincoln family history as regards Desire Lincoln, who was my great-grandmother on my paternal side of the house.

The only information I have is that Desire Lincoln was married in 1824 to Daniel B. Packer who was born on November 28, 1801, at Haver-Hill, Mass. I remember your remarks about the Lincolns having come from Mass. so feel that this more or less ties in.

Trusting I shall have the pleasure of meeting you soon again and thanking you in advance for such information as you can "dig-up" for me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Mathews

February 24, 1948

Mr. Charles R. Mathews
The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
2107 Bryant Bldg.
Kansas City, 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mathews:

This is to advise you that Dr. Warren is still
on his speaking tour and will not return to the office until
March 15th.

I will bring your letter to his attention at
that time.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Moellering
Secretary to Dr. Warren

March 23, 1948

Mr. Charles Reinhaus
The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
2107 Bryant Building
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Mr. Reinhaus:

I have gone carefully over our Lincoln genealogies but I do not seem to find the name of Desire Lincoln, who married Daniel B. Packer in 1824.

I have no doubt but what they are from the Hingham, Massachusetts Family, but we do not seem to have any definite information about them.

I am attaching a little bulletin which may help you determine from which branch you descended from.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

LEESER FAMILY

*nicht dasz
beste Land*



*aber dasz
beste Wasser*

RAYMOND E. KIEBACH, HISTORIAN

1429 MOSS ST.

READING. PA., U. S. A.

now located at Antietam Road, Rt. 1, Stony Creek Mills, Penna.

February 22, 1948.

Dr. Louis Warren,
Lincoln Lore,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

The enclosed account of Mr. Alfred G. Lincoln is copied verbatim from a newspaper clipping in my scrap book, and it is at the suggestion of Dr. Arthur D. Graeff of Philadelphia, Penna. that I am sending it to you. As far as I am concerned you can use it any way and time that you see fit.

no clipp. reviewed
The clipping also shows a picture of Mr. Alfred G. Lincoln, Mrs. Clara Killian, a daughter; Ralph Killian, Grandson, holding great-grandchild.

I knew Mr. Alfred G. Lincoln personally working on the township roads, when he was the Supervisor or Road Master. They were dirt roads at that time and we used hand tools.

He told us of his experiences in the Civil War, and remember him telling us of the battle at Gettysburg. On the first charge his company made they went into a field of wheat that was golden ripe, just ready for the harvest, his brother fell at his side, and if my memory serves me right he was not found again. He also told us of the looks of that grain field when they came back.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond E. Kiebach.

From Raymond E. Kiebach
(Antietam Road) R1
Stony Creek Mills, Penna.

FOUR GENERATIONS ATTEND BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF RETIRED RAILROAD
BUILDER. - Alfred G. Lincoln, Distant Relative of Abraham^a Lincoln,
Observes 73d Anniversary at his home in Exeter.

Neversink, May 4 (1912). - Alfred G. Lincoln celebrated his 73d
birthday anniversary at his home in Exeter township. The occasion
was greatly enjoyed by all and a bountiful dinner was served. Among
the many good things were large cakes, beautifully decorated, baked
by the daughters.

Mr. Lincoln received a number of valuable gifts. One cake, 16 inches
in diameter and eight inches high in layers, had the initials "A. G.
L. 73," on top.

Four generations were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Killian
and children, Caleb jr., Luke, Mark and Hiester; Mrs. Ralph Killian
and son, Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Lincoln and family, Robert,
wife and daughter, Ruth, Louisa, Harvey, George and Elizabeth, Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Boughter and son, Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus
Ruppert and children, Helen, Frank and Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Harry
Boone and children, Grace and Robert; Louisa, Clayton and Agnes
Hafer, besides grandchildren.

His career.

Mr. Lincoln was born in Exeter, April 21, 1839, on the old Lincoln
homestead about one mile east of what is now Lorane station, and
was educated in the school house near there. He was employed on
his father's farm, the old Lincoln home, until 19 years of age.
Then he worked on the William Althouse farm for about 1-1/2 years.

He married Louisa Hemmig Aug. 5, 1860. After that he engaged in the general store and hotel business at Exeter for a short time. He then entered the employ of the Reading Railway Company as a section repair hand and from this was promoted to roadway foreman, having charge from Exeter station to Tuckerton for a period of 12 years. He superintended the double tracking of the East Penn Railroad from East Penn Junction, Reading to Temple station.

A Roadway Foreman

Resigning, he entered the employ of the Wilmington and Northern Railroad as roadway foreman, having charge from Wagontown, Pa. to Wilmington, Del. His headquarters were at Wilmington. He again entered the Reading Company's service as section foreman for a short time, after which he was transferred to the Atlantic City division as Superintendent with headquarters at Atlantic City, N.J. Then after one year he was transferred to the main line and had charge of changing tracks.

He later went to the Kutztown Traction Company laying the tracks from Temple to Kutztown. Next he was with the Reading Traction Co. putting down the track from Black Bear to Birdsboro. After this work was finished he superintended the rebuilding of the Adamstown line. This ended his railroad building career, he having served continuously with railroads for about 35 years with but one exception of three months. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, 48th Regiment, Penn'a Volunteers. Since he left the railroads he has served several terms as School Director and as Roadmaster for Exeter for about seven years which position he still holds. He is a member of Schwarzwald Lutheran congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln had six children, one son and four daughters are living and one daughter is dead. Mr. Lincoln is of the old Lincoln stock and a distant relative of former president Abraham Lincoln.

Resembles Abraham Lincoln.

He has been a Democrat since he cast his first ~~k~~ vote. He is six feet tall and has the features of Abraham Lincoln and in a high black silk hat would greatly resemble him. He walks very erect and fast. Both he and his wife are well preserved, as a result of the simple and temperate life they have led.

While building the Kutztown line, and when he was over 60 years of age, he was challenged by a young Italian to run a 100-yard foot race. Mr. Lincoln came out the victor by 25 yards.

He lives near the Reading ⁱrailway about half way between Lorane and Neversink, on a farm of 15 acres, of which he has been the owner for 45 years.

The Lincoln homestead is a part of the original property from which the ~~ance~~ⁿcestors of Abraham Lincoln left on their journeys for the South and West. The land on which Lorane is built was part of the tract and no doubt Daniel Boone, the famous Kentucky pioneer, who was born nearby, often visited the heavy woods there in quest of game. It is known that he left his ~~hi~~ home and made his way up along the Schuylkill and shot a panther when a boy, and that after being absent for days he was located in a rocky piece of ground abounding with game, which no doubt is on the Paxson and Geo. Romig farms. Harry Boone, one of the descendants of the Boone family, is married to a daughter of Alfred Lincoln.

---From the Reading Eagle, May 5, 1914/2.

February 25, 1948

Mr. Raymond E. Kiebach
Antietam Road, RI
Stony Creek Mills, Penn.

Dear Mr. Kiebach:

Thank you kindly for your letter and enclosure
of the article dealing with Alfred G. Lincoln.

Dr. Warren is at present on a speaking tour on
the Pacific coast. As soon as he returns to the office I will call
his attention to your letter and enclosure.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Moellering
Secretary to Dr. Warren

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Morrison, Ill. Mar 1, 1948

Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir;

Noted your request for Lincoln items in February Hobbies. Have the small paper backed book "Humorous and Pathetic Stories of Abraham Lincoln," Series 1 Edition 4, published by The Lincoln Publishing Company of Fort Wayne, Ind. and given with a package of Lincoln Tea and fifty cents as a premium. The book is dated 1899, consists of about 100 pages, 75 of which are pictures and stories about Lincoln. Would like \$1.00 for this.

Also we have a day book of a New York business firm in 1860. Among the sales are items to Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 5, 1860. In April, 1861 the firm became Lester and Brown, at Albany. Then on May 1, 1861, Robert Lincoln became a partner the firm becoming Lester, Brown & Co. at Brooklyn. This day book belonged to my husband's grandfather who passed away in 1892.

As it is of sentimental value in that this grandfather kept the records

wasn't he
in college
at Cornell?

of the business firms and it is all
in his handwriting we have not con-
sidered selling the book. But we would
like to know if you have any record
of Lincoln's son being in business
with this firm.

Incidentally our daughter lives
near the house in which Robert Wilson
lived in Sterling, Ill. and after whom
Robert Lincoln was said to have
been named.

Yours truly

Mrs. Harold J. Mathew
P. 2. Morris. Ill

March 8, 1948

Mrs. Harold T. Mathew
R. R. #2
Morrison, Illinois

Dear Madam:

We regret to advise you that Dr. Warren is at present out of the office on a speaking tour. Upon his return, I will bring your letter to his attention.

We do have a copy of "Humorous and Pathetic Stories of Abraham Lincoln" - Lincoln Publishing Co. of Ft. Wayne in our collection and it is unlikely that we would care to acquire a duplicate.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Moellering
Secretary to Dr. Warren

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Proch. Temple

March 16, 1948

Mrs. Harold T. Mathew
Route No. 2
Morrison, Illinois

Dear Madam:

My attention has been called to your letter in March in which you mention the partnership of Lester and Brown.

Robert Todd Lincoln at that time was in Harvard University, a young man about 22 years of age, so I am quite sure there is some confusion about his having been a member of the firm.

Robert Todd Lincoln was named for his grandfather
Robert

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director



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Media Research Bureau
1116 F St Washington
D.C.

Gentlemen - I found an old Post Card issued by
you in 1941 - This card is advertising a
~~Line~~ 'Lincoln Family History' a Genealogical & Historical
Study of the family from earliest times - If you have
the publication now or something in that order will
you please let me know what it is - the cost - cost
I am interested -

Yours truly

Miss M.W. Lincoln

40 Wall Brothers Co

Muncie

Indiana

November 9, 1948

Miss M. D. Lincoln
Bell Brothers Company
Muncie, Indiana

My dear Madam:

We regret we do not have one of the typewritten copies of Lincoln History put out by Media Research Bureau many years ago. If you recall, at the time it was published it did not seem to amount to anything and I imagin not very good care was taken of it. It was just another one of those attempts to sell a stereotype genealogical sketch.

We do have here at our Foundation a great many discussions on Lincoln's lineage and if you are interested in any of them of course we will be happy to send them to you. We presume you are interested in your own family line. Let us know if we can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

LAW/DPB
L. A. Warren

Director

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Third Cousin of Lincoln Dies at 85

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 2 (AP).—S. J. Hanks, 85, a third cousin of President Abraham Lincoln, died today.

He was born in near-by Maroa on Lincoln's birthday in 1864. For 57 years he had lived on the Bloomington road 8 miles north of here.

He was the last of seven children of William B. (Gold Bill) and Adeline Wigle Hanks. His grandfather, James Hanks, came to this area from Kentucky in 1833, and was one of Macon County's early settlers. Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, was a member of the family.

Survivors are the widow, Martha, and seven children, all of Decatur. The funeral will be Saturday at Maroa.

5 Lincolns Here Claim Kinship to Abe

By JOHN OPPITZ
Herald Staff Writer

Abraham Lincoln's birthday Saturday will be an especially important occasion to at least five residents of Miami. They're his cousins.

Local relatives of the Great Emancipator include Lois Lincoln, 16, a Miami Jackson High school junior; her sisters, Mrs. June Whittaker, 3251 N. W. 15th st., and Mrs. Gloria Anderson, 4129 N. W. 21st ave.; George D. Lincoln, 50, of 23 S. W. 10th ave.; and Elton Lincoln, 42, electrician, of 2901 S. W. Seventh st.

None of them is named Abraham, but another local Lincoln who is says he's related to the President "only by way of Adam and Eve." He is Frank Abraham Lincoln, 59, of 1787 N. W. 43rd st.—Abe to the men with whom he works as an FEC machinist.

Kansas-born Lincoln says "my father never claimed any relationship to the President although their ancestors came from the same part of England.

His father wanted to call him Abraham, but his mother changed it to Frank Abraham, so he wouldn't be called Abe.

It happened anyhow.

Of the local Lincolns who do say they are related to the President, George D. is the most enthusiastic Lincoln student.

He says his grandfather, Alfred, a Pennsylvanian, first met his cousin, the President, on the Gettysburg battlefield, where Alfred was a soldier of the Union army and Abe delivered a now-famous talk.

The local Lincoln said his grandfather's old home near Reading is now maintained by the historical society of Berks county as a Lincoln shrine.

George D. Lincoln, former operator of a night club near Philadelphia and a resident of Miami for only a year, says he and the President were descended from different Lincoln brothers who came to the eastern states from England.

He often attends the reunions held by descendants of all those

five brothers in the Reading vicinity each August. George says he, himself, is about the same build as the President, six feet tall and folks tell him he has some of Abe's facial features.

Elton Lincoln, the electrician, says he, too, is a cousin "several times removed." He's also a descendant of one of the other Lincoln brothers. Elton Lincoln has resided in Miami since 1936.

Lois, of 1995 N. W. 46th st.,

says she's a fourth or fifth cousin. She traces her descent and that of her sisters from Andrew, a Pennsylvania first cousin of Abe.

Another Lincoln name here is that of Miami Beach's fabulous shopping thoroughfare. C. W. Chase, Jr., realtor and an associate of the famed developer, Carl Fisher, says Fisher named it Lincoln road when he created it from swampland because he intended it to be one of the community's principal streets and he was a "very ardent admirer" of the President.

Fisher always kept pictures of Lincoln in his office, Chase says.

